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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Joseph Earl FORD, et al.

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For:

**Apparatus** Method and Spatial-Shift for

Wavelength Multiplexing in Communication

Systems

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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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